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THE INSIDE LINE

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL AREA 11 MEMBERS FROM AREA DIRECTOR MARGE BINKS

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RE: NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND THE SCCA NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE, 2/21-26/1995

Well, I think we made it! This was my first meeting as the Chairman of the Board. It was fun, it was interesting, it was sometimes tough, but it was great. The Convention itself was well-organized. I was impressed with the presence and willingness of the Milwaukee Region people - there were more Region volunteers than there were conventioners - and that's 450 people! Thanks to Susie Bonneau and her crew for one fantastic job.

This Convention had a different feel from earlier years. It was very warm and friendly - people were discussing issues and sharing solutions. Members from different parts of the country and different interests within the Club were meeting and shaking hands and having fun. The theme party was a Cruise Ship/Casino night. Everyone helped me win enough "bogus bucks" to bid on ~~Hotel Package~~ ^{two nights} in Reno, which we gave to our own Fred and Mary Anne Slick - only later did we learn that they got married there.

SoPac was well represented this year, both in attendance and in awards. Registered were Mark and Maria Williams (San Diego), M.G. Lewis (Hawaii), Peggy DeMerritt (CSCC), Renee Angel (CSCC), Dave Roberts (Las Vegas), Jane Anderson (CSCC), Jim McCashin (CSCC), Jack Brabban (San Diego), Glenn Baxter (CSCC), Ron Johnson (CSCC), Charlie Kuhlman (CSCC), Craig and Paulette Nagler (CSCC), Marlene White (CSCC), JoAnne Jensen (Arizona), Mike Higgins (Arizona), Jim Widgery (San Diego), Mike and Paula Gibault (Arizona Border and CSCC, respectively). And, of course, Phil and me.

And we brought home the gold! M.G. Lewis was named Steward of the Year for his leadership in the racing program in his Region and participation out of Region within the Division and at the RunOffs. Hawaii also won the Regional Achievement Award for its size category. Both Las Vegas Region and San Diego Region won the publications awards for their outstanding newsletters, and Cal Club was the rally award for its Rim of the World Pro Rally. Congratulations to everybody - you know you're all winners in my book.

Another award I particularly want to bring to your attention is the retirement of the Wolf Barnarto Award following the death of John Castle (the last recipient) and the creation of the Carl Haas Cup in recognition of Carl's extensive contributions and longstanding service as a member and Chairman of the Board. The first winner of the Carl Haas Cup is a gentleman known throughout the Solo community as a fierce and successful competitor and who is known to the rest of the Club as a talented and humorous MC for luncheons and dinners at National conventions. That individual is Roger Johnson. Congratulations Roger.

Please be sure to read your SportsCar for specifics - recommendations that have been put out for member input, decisions, policies, minutes.

* hotel package for two nights in Reno